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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT JUMPS OVER THE MONTH: In mid-September of this year, the State's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,020,300, a good net monthly gain of 44,800 workers (+1.5 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment surged ahead by 100,000 people (+3.4 percent) to 3,025,000 from the middle of August to the middle of September, 1985.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS MINIMAL MONTHLY GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 813,500 as of the middle of September, 1985, a slight net over-the-month rise of 100 persons. The durable goods segment fell by 1,900 people (-0.6 percent) as seven of its nine industry groups sustained losses. Nonelectrical machinery (-800), electrical machinery (-400), and "other" durable goods (-400) were the three largest. The nondurable goods segment barely offset those declines with the addition of 2,000 workers (+0.4 percent) as employment grew in the tobacco manufacturing (+2,000), apparel and related products (+900), and food and kindred products (+700) industry groups.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITS SEASONAL JUMP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,832,000 as of mid-September, 1985, an anticipated seasonal climb of 50,000 workers (+2.8 percent) since mid-August. Most of the growth occurred in government, up by 49,200 (+13.0 percent). The transportation, communications, and public utilities segment displayed a respectable net monthly gain of 1,100 (+0.8 percent).

MANUFACTURING DOWN BUT NONMANUFACTURING UP SINCE LAST YEAR: North Carolina's manufacturing employment fell by 22,600 people (-2.7 percent) over the year. The three largest industries accounting for 76.1 percent of that drop were textile mill products (-12,800); apparel and related products (-3,300), and furniture and fixtures (-1,100). On the other hand, the State's nonmanufacturing employment increased by 63,500 (+3.6 percent) during the past twelve months as all of the industry groups added workers. The service and miscellaneous (+21,000), trade (+17,900), and construction (+12,000) industries experienced the largest gains.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 133,700 in mid-September of this year, a large net over-the-month decline of 49,800 persons (-27.1 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.8 percent in August, 1985, to 4.2 percent in September, 1985. The Statewide seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 148,000 in September, 1985, a net monthly decrease of 37,000 people (-20.0 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.9 percent to 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the Nation was 6.9 percent in September and August of this year. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.1 percent in September, 1985, and 7.0 percent in August, 1985.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

	September, 1985	August, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,154,000	3,159,000
Employment	3,020,300	2,975,500
Unemployment	133,700	183,500
Unemployment Rate	4.2	5.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,173,000	3,110,000
Employment	3,025,000	2,925,000
Unemployment	148,000	185,000
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.9
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.0

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS BOTH RISE: The average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees was $7.32 in mid-September. This represented a 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) increase over the month and a net yearly gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.7 percent). Workers in the durable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly increase of 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to reach $7.52 in September, 1985. The September average hourly earnings was 22¢ an hour (+3.0 percent) above September of last year. The durable goods industry workers that experienced the largest net over-the-month rise were those in primary metals. The hourly rate was up by 13¢ an hour (+1.5 percent), from $8.53 to $8.66 this September. Nonelectrical machinery employees saw a net monthly increase of 12¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to reach $8.42. Earnings for production workers in the nondurable goods segment remained constant at $7.18 over the month while rising by 28¢ an hour (+4.1 percent) over the year. Paper and allied products workers led the way in nondurables with a net over-the-month surge of 38¢ an hour (+3.5 percent) to climb to $11.26 in September of this year, while those in chemicals saw a net monthly increase of 11¢ an hour (+1.2 percent) to rise to $9.64. From the middle of August, 1985, to the middle of September, 1985, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers grew by $3.72 (+1.3 percent) to $292.80, which was $15.34 (+5.5 percent) more than one year ago. Average weekly hours stood at 40.0 this September, up by 0.4 of an hour over the month and by 0.7 of an hour over the year.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS SLIGHTLY: As of September 30, 1985, there were 171,222 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month drop of 684 people (-0.4 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine segment which had 105,968 or 61.9 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four age group totaled 28,885 or 16.9 percent, and the fifty-five and over sector had the fewest active applicants with just 9,485 or 5.5 percent of the total. Male applicants made up the majority of the applicants with 86,062, slightly more than half of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 99,122 or 57.9 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of September, 1985.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

September 30, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	171,222	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	26,884	15.7
22-39	105,968	61.9
40-54	28,885	16.9
55 and Over	9,485	5.5
Sex		
Male	86,062	50.3
Female	85,160	49.7
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	99,122	57.9
Black, not Hispanic	67,286	39.3
Hispanic	1,526	0.9
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,427	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	861	0.5
Eligible Claimant	72,497	42.3
Veteran	32,525	19.0
Handicapped	10,230	6.0
Seasonal Farmworker	3,704	2.2

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DECLINES IN SEPTEMBER: During the month of September of this year, there were 25,709 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a noticeable net monthly decrease of 5,453 (-17.5 percent). A good percentage of those openings was filled (80.8 percent or 20,765). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational group with the most openings received in September, a total of 5,995. Almost all of those were filled (5,881 or 98.1 percent). Miscellaneous occupations followed with 4,112 job openings received and 3,464 or 84.2 percent filled. Job openings received for the service category numbered 3,352, and 2,421 or 72.2 percent of these were filled. The professional, technical, and managerial group recorded the fewest job openings received with only 873, and of these 409 (46.8 percent) were filled. There were 87,679 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985. Most of those were filled (73,223 or 83.5 percent). There were 18,293 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of September 30, 1985. The majority of those job openings (11,985 or 65.5 percent) had been labeled hard-to-fill, meaning that the openings existed for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings for September, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	September, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Sep. 30, 1985	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	873	409	3,226	1,818	1,730	1,234
Clerical	2,509	1,571	8,929	6,344	2,483	1,499
Sales	979	586	2,619	1,382	1,197	844
Service	3,352	2,421	12,996	10,258	3,707	2,488
Domestic	278	220	887	727	165	123
Other Services	3,074	2,201	12,109	9,531	3,542	2,365
Farm, Fish., and Forest.	5,995	5,881	22,403	22,326	282	220
Processing	1,000	980	3,825	3,394	568	405
Machine Trades	1,625	1,224	4,903	3,649	1,643	1,017
Bench Work	2,048	1,913	6,191	5,573	1,713	1,133
Structural Work	3,216	2,316	11,231	9,030	2,823	1,828
Miscellaneous	4,112	3,464	11,356	9,449	2,147	1,317
Motor Freight and Transp.	597	317	1,828	1,153	597	333
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,434	3,104	9,294	8,134	1,443	917
Other	81	43	234	162	107	67
Total	25,709	20,765	87,679	73,223	18,293	11,985

1/ July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug. * 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,645.5	2,595.4	2,604.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	813.5	813.4	836.1	**	- 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	328.8	330.7	334.2	- 0.6	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	36.3	36.5	36.7	- 0.5	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.9	9.2	- 2.2	- 5.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.9	4.8	4.4	+ 2.1	+ 11.4
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.8	83.8	- 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.5	72.5	73.8	0	- 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	36.1	37.5	- 0.3	- 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.2	31.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.8	19.1	0	- 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.6	- 3.6	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.3	11.2	- 0.9	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.9	26.7	0	+ 0.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.2	55.0	55.5	- 1.5	- 2.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.2	7.6	0	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.4	62.8	64.3	- 0.6	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.0	5.2	6.2	- 3.8	- 19.4
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.8	21.0	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.8	15.9	- 2.7	- 9.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	484.7	482.7	501.9	+ 0.4	- 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	46.6	45.9	45.0	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Meat Products	19.5	19.4	18.1	+ 0.5	+ 7.7
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Bakery Products	8.1	7.9	8.1	+ 2.5	0
Beverages	6.6	6.7	6.5	- 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.4	24.4	27.6	+ 8.2	- 4.3
Cigarettes	19.9	20.3	19.8	- 2.0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.0	3.8	7.4	+ 57.9	- 18.9
Textile Mill Products	205.5	206.0	218.3	- 0.2	- 5.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	52.5	60.4	- 1.1	- 14.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.6	30.7	- 0.8	- 14.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	25.2	28.9	- 2.0	- 14.5
Knitting Mills	77.0	77.2	76.5	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.1	22.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.9	22.4	- 0.9	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.5	14.3	13.8	+ 1.4	+ 5.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.8	14.6	+ 0.7	- 4.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.5	50.4	53.5	+ 0.2	- 5.6

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September, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug.* 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.0	88.1	92.3	+ 1.0	- 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	28.4	31.0	+ 2.5	- 6.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.1	39.1	41.2	0	- 5.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.2	22.2	- 0.5	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.4	10.5	10.9	- 1.0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.9	24.2	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Newspapers	9.4	9.4	9.2	0	+ 2.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.4	36.9	38.1	- 1.4	- 4.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.8	13.4	0	- 4.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	29.8	29.7	- 1.3	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,832.0	1,782.0	1,768.5	+ 2.8	+ 3.6
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	151.8	152.3	139.8	- 0.3	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.6	130.5	130.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.2	70.7	70.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.4	54.8	54.3	- 0.7	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	579.5	578.6	561.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	134.9	135.5	135.1	- 0.4	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.6	80.3	78.1	- 0.9	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.2	55.2	57.0	0	- 3.2
Retail Trade	444.6	443.1	426.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	56.6	56.5	55.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Food Stores	67.5	67.6	67.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.0	111.3	105.9	- 0.3	+ 4.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	426.0	426.4	405.0	- 0.1	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.9	26.6	25.0	- 2.6	+ 3.6
Personal Services	27.2	27.1	25.6	+ 0.4	+ 6.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.3	10.7	0	+ 5.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	427.4	378.2	421.3	+ 13.0	+ 1.4
Federal	51.5	51.8	50.1	- 0.6	+ 2.8
State	122.0	116.4	120.9	+ 4.8	+ 0.9
Education	61.3	55.4	59.4	+ 10.6	+ 3.2
Other	60.7	61.0	61.5	- 0.5	- 1.3
Local	253.8	210.0	250.3	+ 20.9	+ 1.4
Education	137.7	91.5	136.1	+ 50.5	+ 1.2
Other	116.1	118.5	114.2	- 2.0	+ 1.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 percent.

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September, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug.* 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,621.3	2,616.6	2,581.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	806.2	810.3	828.9	- 0.5	- 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	326.9	331.0	332.5	- 1.2	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	36.0	36.2	- 0.6	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.8	12.8	12.9	0	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.8	9.1	- 2.3	- 5.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.8	4.6	4.3	+ 4.3	+ 11.6
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	84.0	83.7	- 1.7	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.4	73.3	73.7	- 1.2	- 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	35.5	36.0	37.0	- 1.4	- 4.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.5	31.1	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.7	18.8	- 1.1	- 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.8	26.4	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.6	8.6	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.3	55.0	55.6	- 1.3	- 2.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.2	7.6	0	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	61.8	62.7	63.7	- 1.4	- 3.0
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	5.6	- 6.2	- 19.6
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.8	21.0	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.8	15.9	- 2.7	- 9.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	479.3	479.3	496.4	0	- 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	45.9	45.4	44.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.6
Meat Products	19.4	19.2	18.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 3.8	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Bakery Products	8.1	7.9	8.1	+ 2.5	0
Beverages	6.6	6.5	6.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.7	22.7	24.8	+ 4.4	- 4.4
Cigarettes	20.2	20.2	20.1	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	2.8	4.4	+ 28.6	- 18.2
Textile Mill Products	204.5	205.4	217.2	- 0.4	- 5.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	52.5	60.2	- 1.5	- 14.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.6	26.8	31.0	- 0.7	- 14.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	25.2	28.6	- 2.8	- 14.3
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.7	76.0	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.0	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.6	22.3	0	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.9	+ 1.4	+ 5.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.8	6.9	- 1.5	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.7	14.6	+ 1.5	- 4.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.3	50.1	53.3	+ 0.4	- 5.6

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September, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug. * 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.0	87.6	91.3	+ 0.5	- 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.7	28.1	30.6	+ 2.1	- 6.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.0	38.8	41.0	- 25.3	- 29.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	22.2	- 0.9	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.4	10.6	10.9	- 1.9	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.5	7.5	- 1.3	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	25.1	25.3	24.5	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Newspapers	9.5	9.5	9.3	0	+ 2.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.5	36.9	38.3	- 1.1	- 4.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.8	13.6	+ 1.6	- 4.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	29.3	29.3	- 1.0	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,815.1	1,806.3	1,752.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	147.2	146.0	135.6	+ 0.8	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	130.1	129.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.8	70.8	70.3	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.6	54.4	54.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	573.6	572.7	555.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	131.7	132.7	131.9	- 0.8	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.7	80.0	78.2	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.0	52.7	53.7	- 1.3	- 3.2
Retail Trade	441.9	440.0	424.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	57.3	57.1	55.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Food Stores	66.8	67.3	66.3	- 0.7	+ 0.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	110.7	110.2	105.6	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	421.8	417.6	401.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.8	22.9	23.9	+ 8.3	+ 3.8
Personal Services	27.7	27.7	26.1	0	+ 6.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.2	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.8	424.9	419.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Federal	51.8	51.3	50.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
State	123.8	125.8	122.7	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Education	62.5	66.1	60.6	- 5.4	+ 3.1
Other	61.3	59.7	62.1	+ 2.7	- 1.3
Local	250.2	247.8	246.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Education	133.3	132.2	131.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Other	116.9	115.6	115.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1985	August* 1985	September 1984	August 1985	September 1984
MANUFACTURING	643.6	643.1	670.1	+ 0.1	- 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	246.9	248.6	255.9	- 0.7	- 3.5
Lumber & Wood Products	31.3	31.5	31.8	- 0 6	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.8	8.1	- 2.6	- 6.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	+ 8.3
Furniture & Fixtures	73.0	73.0	74.7	0	- 2.3
Household Furniture	64.5	64.5	66.4	0	- 2.9
Wood Household Furniture	32.9	33.0	34.5	- 0.3	- 4.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.4	15.4	15.9	0	- 3.1
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 4.3	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.5	0	- 1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	20.3	20.3	19.9	0	+ 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.2	26.9	28.3	- 2.6	- 7.4
Special Industry Machinery	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 5.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.1	44.4	47.5	- 0.7	- 7.2
Household Appliances	4.3	4.5	5.5	- 4.4	-21.8
Transportation Equipment	17.4	17.5	17.1	- 0.6	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.7	394.5	414.2	+ 0.6	- 4.2
Food & Kindred Products	32.7	32.0	31.0	+ 2.2	+ 5.5
Meat Products	17.3	17.2	15.8	+ 0.6	+ 9.5
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+11.8
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
Beverages	2.6	2.7	2.6	- 3.7	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.2	19.1	22.4	+11.0	- 5.4
Cigarettes	15.8	16.1	15.6	- 1.9	+ 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.0	2.7	6.4	+85.2	-21.9
Textile Mill Products	181.9	182.5	194.3	- 0.3	- 6.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.7	46.4	53.7	- 1.5	-14.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.3	23.4	27.4	- 0.4	-15.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	22.5	25.9	- 2.2	-15.1
Knitting Mills	68.3	68.5	67.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.0	21.0	20.4	0	+ 2.9
Hosiery, NEC	19.7	20.0	20.6	- 1.5	- 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.3	12.2	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.5	11.5	12.3	0	- 6.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.0	45.9	49.1	+ 0.2	- 6.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.7	76.9	81.8	+ 1.0	- 5.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.3	24.8	28.1	+ 2.0	-10.0
Women's & Children's Garments	34.1	34.0	36.0	+ 0.3	- 5.3
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.7	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.6	7.6	8.1	0	- 6.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	15.4	15.3	15.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Newspapers	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 2.8	- 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.4	23.8	24.9	- 1.7	- 6.0
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	9.0	9.3	- 1.1	- 4.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	24.4	24.3	- 1.6	- 1.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.8	+ 2.7	0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985 *	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985 *	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985 *	Sept. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$292.80	$289.08	$ 277.46	40.0	39.6	39.3	$ 7.32	$ 7.30	$ 7.06
DURABLE GOODS	306.06	300.70	295.65	40.7	40.2	40.5	7.52	7.48	7.30
Lumber & Wood Products	261.40	256.41	236.79	41.1	40.7	39.4	6.36	6.30	6.01
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	251.52	245.81	231.15	41.3	40.9	40.2	6.09	6.01	5.75
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	290.99	289.93	259.81	41.1	39.5	36.8	7.08	7.34	7.06
Furniture & Fixtures	262.52	254.10	246.77	39.3	38.5	38.8	6.68	6.60	6.36
Household Furniture	260.95	251.14	245.50	39.3	38.4	38.6	6.64	6.54	6.36
Wood Household Furniture	251.54	245.31	240.58	39.8	39.0	39.7	6.32	6.29	6.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	330.64	332.69	330.23	41.8	41.9	42.5	7.91	7.94	7.77
Structural Clay Products	287.62	284.26	275.01	42.8	43.2	44.5	6.72	6.58	6.18
Primary Metal Industries	368.05	359.37	356.33	42.5	42.2	44.1	8.66	8.53	8.08
Fabricated Metal Products	326.28	319.19	325.78	42.1	41.4	41.5	7.75	7.71	7.85
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	354.48	345.28	358.70	42.1	41.6	42.5	8.42	8.30	8.44
Special Industry Machinery	321.12	311.22	312.42	40.7	39.9	41.0	7.89	7.80	7.62
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	328.68	329.91	336.61	39.6	39.7	41.0	8.30	8.31	8.21
Household Appliances	281.81	257.54	278.70	41.2	39.2	42.1	6.84	6.57	6.62
Transportation Equipment	359.55	358.70	324.31	42.4	42.4	41.0	8.48	8.46	7.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	285.05	281.46	266.34	39.7	39.2	38.6	7.18	7.18	6.90
Food & Kindred Products	270.76	266.53	253.34	41.4	39.9	39.4	6.54	6.68	6.43
Meat Products	221.84	216.21	204.95	39.9	38.2	37.4	5.56	5.66	5.48
Meat Packing	338.69	345.31	312.84	43.2	43.6	39.4	7.84	7.92	7.94
Dairy Products	305.38	307.53	266.60	45.6	45.9	43.0	6.71	6.70	6.20
Grain Mill Products	307.38	306.86	301.37	44.1	43.9	43.3	6.97	6.99	6.96
Bakery Products	308.37	305.24	290.65	42.3	41.7	41.7	7.29	7.32	6.97
Beverages	487.13	500.83	469.27	43.3	44.4	42.7	11.25	11.28	10.99
Tobacco Manufacturers	445.62	465.79	407.03	36.2	34.3	39.1	12.31	13.58	10.41
Cigarettes	525.34	509.66	517.23	35.4	34.0	38.2	14.84	14.99	13.54
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	199.26	207.86	193.58	38.1	34.3	41.1	5.23	6.06	4.71
Textile Mill Products	258.15	253.74	241.54	39.9	39.4	38.4	6.47	6.44	6.29
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	292.01	283.93	276.11	40.5	39.6	39.9	7.21	7.17	6.92
Weaving Mills, Cotton	284.12	285.38	270.27	39.8	39.2	39.0	7.39	7.28	6.93
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	288.81	282.40	281.93	41.2	40.0	40.8	7.01	7.06	6.91
Knitting Mills	229.14	225.07	213.74	38.0	37.7	36.6	6.03	5.97	5.84
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	212.13	215.80	190.18	36.7	37.4	33.9	5.78	5.77	5.61
Hosiery, NEC	228.38	218.45	208.82	38.0	36.9	36.7	6.01	5.92	5.69
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	248.95	240.86	239.30	38.3	37.4	38.2	6.50	6.44	6.28
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	276.92	274.77	267.80	43.0	43.0	41.2	6.44	6.39	6.50
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	280.13	276.08	258.05	41.5	40.9	39.7	6.75	6.75	6.50
Yarn & Thread Mills	260.62	256.44	230.57	41.5	40.9	38.3	6.28	6.27	6.02
Apparel & Other Textile Products	193.88	191.58	179.00	37.5	37.2	35.8	5.17	5.15	5.00
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	189.72	186.38	174.06	36.0	35.5	34.4	5.27	5.25	5.06
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.51	182.14	168.98	37.4	37.4	35.5	4.88	4.87	4.76
Paper & Allied Products	497.69	474.37	466.55	44.2	43.6	43.4	11.26	10.88	10.75
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	637.37	608.38	574.21	45.3	44.8	43.9	14.07	13.58	13.08
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.46	352.44	338.57	44.5	44.0	43.8	8.28	8.01	7.73
Printing & Publishing	328.64	328.50	311.59	38.8	39.2	38.9	8.47	8.38	8.01
Newspapers	276.80	284.41	273.70	34.3	34.6	34.0	8.07	8.22	8.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	398.13	393.59	370.37	41.3	41.3	40.7	9.64	9.53	9.10
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	430.31	438.27	414.00	41.9	41.9	41.4	10.27	10.46	10.00
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	376.89	375.33	359.06	41.1	41.2	41.8	9.17	9.11	8.59
MINING	411.50	392.52	338.12	50.0	48.4	42.8	8.23	8.11	7.90
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	474.76	481.01	458.99	41.5	41.9	41.5	11.44	11.48	11.06
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	197.28	196.47	192.67	32.5	32.8	32.6	6.07	5.99	5.91
Wholesale Trade	296.40	294.47	289.81	39.0	38.9	38.9	7.60	7.57	7.45
Retail Trade	170.63	169.50	166.24	30.8	31.1	30.9	5.54	5.45	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	164.14	163.01	149.78	29.0	29.8	29.6	5.66	5.47	5.06
Food Stores	190.66	185.74	194.57	33.1	32.7	32.7	5.76	5.68	5.95
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.52	142.56	134.64	30.9	31.4	30.6	4.58	4.54	4.40
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	195.11	197.11	188.64	35.8	36.1	36.0	5.45	5.46	5.24

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